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## USSR warns on neutron bomb

MOSCOW, July 30 (R). — The Soviet Union today issued its sternest warning yet to President Carter about the development of the neutron bomb, condemning Washington's arguments in its favour as inconsistent and dangerous. The warning was made in the form of a statement by the official Tass news agency, which rejected claims that neutron warheads should be regarded as tactical weapons because they could kill without damaging buildings and other objects. "The inconsistency and danger of such arguments is obvious. Behind them are attempts to justify and substantiate practical actions that can only bring the world closed to a nuclear holocaust," it said.

## Yemen leader visits S. Arabia

AMMAN, July 30 (R). — South Yemeni President Salem Ali arrives in Saudi Arabia tomorrow for a three-day visit aimed at "promoting brotherly relations of cooperation" between the two countries. Saudi Arabia last year to recognise the leftist regime of South Yemen. The visit by President Ali gains an increased urgency because of the fighting on the Ethiopian border. South Yemen supports Ethiopia's rulers. Saudi Arabia supports Eritrean secessionists fighting for the independence of their Red Sea province from Ethiopian rule. Observers here believe Saudi Arabia, which already has close ties with Yemen could win over South Yemen and Somalia, and achieve its purpose of fending off Soviet inroads in the Red Sea.

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## Interview with An Nahar King Hussein warns of "Israeli action"

(Agencies). — His Majesty King Hussein has received an interview with An Nahar, distributed Saturday, King Hussein said that Israel might carry out "a certain action" in the West Bank and Gaza strip within a Middle East solution, provided such a relationship be determined by a referendum in which Jordanians and Palestinians would freely participate on equal footing.

He said Israel might be prompted in this by its "military power." King Hussein said he expects U.S. Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance to carry with him clear visions of the peace conditions and procedures during his forthcoming trip to the region. The King said that Begin's proposals have ignored Arab demands for an Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories and recognition of the Palestinian people's legitimate rights. His Majesty welcomed setting up a special relationship between Jordan and any Palestinian state to be established in the West Bank and Gaza strip within a Middle East solution, provided such a relationship be determined by a referendum in which Jordanians and Palestinians would freely participate on equal footing.



SYRIAN TROOPS -- A Syrian officer of the Arab peace-keeping force consults with a Palestinian commando officer Saturday as Syrian troops of the Force take up positions around Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut. (AP wirephoto).

## Progress doubtful on Egypt-Libya mediation

CAIRO, July 30 (R). — A week of mediation by other Arabs today appeared to have made doubtful progress towards healing the rift between the Egyptians and Libyans which led to recent clashes on their desert border. A ceasefire ordered last Sunday by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was still holding. But Cairo's semi-official Al-Ahram newspaper accused the Libyan leader, Col. Muammar Qadhafi, of continuing "this wild campaign against Egypt despite the ceasefire." Arab mediators included Palestine commando chief Yasser Arafat. According to Palestinian sources, a peace plan was accepted during the week which was intended to help resolve Libyan-Egyptian differences dating back to a quarrel over conduct of the 1973 Arab-Israeli war.

Central to the agreement was a high-level meeting between the two. But last night Egypt's Middle East News Agency (MENA) surprised the Arab World by quoting an official here as saying no meeting was planned. The agency quoted the meeting as saying no political meetings between the two countries' representatives were expected. "There is no change in the methods of the regime of (Col.) Qadhafi," the official reportedly said. An official Palestinian source said two days ago the peace formula had been worked out by Mr. Arafat and Kuwait's Foreign Minister, Sheikh Al Ahmad Al Sabah. The Palestinian source was not available for comment on the MENA disclosure. The peace plan, as reported by the Palestinian source, stipulated the meeting would be held either in Kuwait or Algiers, between Aug. 1 and 10. The plan also called for a

halt to Egyptian-Libyan propaganda warfare from Aug. 1, and setting up joint military committees, which the source said had already begun meeting. Yesterday, MENA quoted a Qatar News Agency report that the Kuwaiti daily newspaper Al Watan and Al Qabas had said the Egyptian and Libyan foreign ministers would meet in Kuwait on Aug. 2. The MENA report that there would, however, be no meetings followed this. The influential Cairo newspaper Al Gomhouriya said today the Libyans had restored telephone links between Tripoli and Cairo which were cut off and that air and sea travel between Egypt and the Libyan Jamahiriyah had also resumed. Al-Ahram took issue with what it described as Libyan information media claims that Israeli-made weapons had been captured with Egyptian soldiers during the four days of fighting. Al-Ahram said: "This is another proof of the bankruptcy of Col. Qadhafi's policy. He ran out of lies and falsehoods. The small Israeli-made machine guns which Tripoli Television had shown yesterday were given to the Col. by his friend (Ethiopian military ruler) Mengistu (Haile-Mariam)." The Kuwait newspaper Al Qabas today repeated its report that the Egyptian and Libyan foreign ministers would meet in Kuwait on Aug. 2 to try to settle the border dispute between the two countries.

## King Khaled receives top Jordanian envoy

SAUDI ARABIA (JNA). — Khaled of Saudi Arabia received here the Chief of the Royal Hashemite Court, Abdul Hamid Shabir, who handed him a message from His Majesty King Hussein regarding the present Arab situation and developments in the Middle East. Abdul Hamid arrived earlier Saturday and was accompanied by Saudi Chief of the Jordanian Embassy in Saudi Arabia, Abdul Aziz Al-Sayid, who accompanied him to Saudi Arabia. King Hussein's visits here were similar to those of King Hussein to King Khaled and King Fahd in Saudi Arabia. King Hussein's visit to Saudi Arabia was the first since the Arab League summit in Amman, Jordan, in July 1976.

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## Abu Odeh in interview: Jordanian viewpoint must be considered

AMMAN, (JNA). — Minister of Information, Adnan Abu Odeh, in an interview published in Damascus, said that Jordan's M.E. conflict is not just a Arab-Israeli dispute, but a Middle East problem. He said that the Arab League and the Palestinian Liberation Army (PLA) should be considered in the M.E. conflict. He said that the Arab League and the Palestinian Liberation Army (PLA) should be considered in the M.E. conflict.

When the minister was told that Palestinians in Jordan are afraid that Jordan will stop issuing temporary passports to them by which they can pass to and from the occupied territories he said that Jordan considers two factors in this matter. First, Jordan is aware that the oil-producing countries are a temptation to skilled labour and so fears that the West Bank and the Gaza Strip would soon be depopulated. In the second place Jordan has adopted the policy of open bridges only to support the people and to strengthen their grip on the occupied land. This policy was never meant as a means of emigration of potentialities and power. This fact, he concluded, has always compelled Jordan to ask the Arab states to back it in this most important matter.

## Palestinian affairs meet hears condemnation of new Jewish settlements

AMMAN, July 30 (R). — Arab League Assistant Secretary General, Mohammed Al Farra, today said that the new Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank had hindered peace in the Middle East. Dr. Farra was speaking at a session of a conference of Arab countries on Palestinian refugees living in the occupied territories. The education and health conditions of Arabs in the occupied territories and matters related to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Dr. Farra said.

ing attended by representatives from Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Arab League and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Lebanese embassy sources here said a Lebanese delegation would join the talks later. Dr. Farra also urged the big powers, especially the United States, to take further steps to create the necessary conditions for peace in the Middle East. Also on the conference agenda is the establishment of embassies between Portugal and Israel. The education and health conditions of Arabs in the occupied territories and matters related to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Dr. Farra said.

## Implementing Cairo accord Syrian troops move into positions around Palestinian camps in Beirut

BEIRUT, July 30 (R). — Troops of the Arab peace-keeping force today began implementing a two-stage plan aimed at strict control of the estimated 400,000 Palestinians in Lebanon, whose presence has often led to bitter clashes. The plan, which includes a ban on armed or unformed commandos going out of the sprawling refugee camps has raised hopes for peace in Lebanon and reconciliation between the Palestinians and their Lebanese hosts. Spokesmen for the 30,000-strong Arab force and the Palestine Liberation Organisation said the deployment of troops at two major refugee camps in Beirut today went off peacefully. "Everything went on well," the Palestinian command said. The state-run radio said, troop deployment at other refugee camps in the country had also been carried out successfully.

It was not known when the collection of heavy weapons from the camps, as provided by the plan, would begin. The weapons are to be removed under the supervision of the Arab force. Smaller weapons are to be collected as well and stored inside the camps. In a related move last night, Syria released about 100 Palestinians and Lebanese detained during the fighting in Lebanon. About 50 more detainees are expected to be freed during the next few days. Meanwhile, the Palestine News Agency (Wafa) and the rightwing Phalangist Party radio reported that artillery duels which started last night in southern Lebanon between leftist-Palestinian forces and rightwing forces were continuing.

Neither side reported any casualties. Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss told reporters he was gratified with today's operations and hoped future steps would be carried out in the same smooth manner. The Arab force said its troops were now stationed at predetermined positions around the camps in Lebanon and were operating patrols in the vicinity. Joint committees set up to supervise implementation of the plan in all of Lebanon's five provinces have started functioning, the force said in a communique. "The PLO has fully and faithfully discharged all its obligations under the plan."

## Europeans deadlocked on conference dates

BEGRAD, July 30 (R). — East-west differences on a timetable for the European Security conference revolved around a single key problem today, and diplomats said final agreement was possible next week. The conference preparatory session, running behind schedule, adjourned until Monday for a new round of backstage bargaining. Senior officials said a procedural package might be completed by Thursday or Friday, provided there were major concessions in a deal over cut-off dates for the 35-state security

conference due to begin in Belgrade next autumn. Both sides said this remained the only significant unresolved problem after six weeks of preparatory talks. The cut-off dates are politically important because they will set limits for debate on the emotive human rights issue at the full autumn conference. Romania broke ranks with the communist bloc in rejecting Soviet demands that the conference's committee on humanitarian questions and four other specialist groups should wind-up discussions by a fixed date.

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## Coordination on the eastern front

Phase one of the implementation of the Cairo agreement governing the status of Palestinians in Lebanon is proceeding with surprising smoothness.

It is a mark of the restoration of trust between the PLO and the Syrian government that the defence of Palestinian camps from outside attack has been placed in the hands of the Syrian-dominated Arab peace-keeping force. Syria has once again demonstrated that it holds the key to peace in Lebanon. The Palestinians for their part are demonstrating a willingness to cooperate with the current Arab peace drive, the Rejection Front notwithstanding.

The agreement reached in Damascus and then Choura to remove the bone of contention between the Palestinians and the Lebanese rightists by showing Palestinian restraint and by defusing the situation in south Lebanon was timed to occur before the visit of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to the region. This is no doubt a not so well publicised part of the Arab coordination in preparation for the coming battle for peace.

The stricter control now exercised on and accepted by the Palestinian commandos in Lebanon is the first important step in defusing the explosive situation in south Lebanon. The withdrawal of both Palestinian commandos and rightwing Lebanese militia forces from the area is the next step, and is already agreed upon by both sides.

While Egypt and Libya were busy falling out, moves were afoot to create greater Arab cohesion on the eastern front. Syria has done its part, and Jordan has been involved in efforts to help rearm the Lebanese army, an important element for the implementation of phase two of the agreement to resuscitate the Cairo accord.

The Palestinians have been persuaded that Arab unanimity is essential if they are to get what they want at the conference table. The question of PLO attendance at a reconvened Geneva conference has not been settled, nor is it clear yet what the Palestinians will be able to wrest from the Israelis. One thing is clear, however; they will get nothing if they do not act in step with the Arab confrontation states.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian dailies Saturday were concerned with the new agreement to end the civil war in Lebanon and with the outcome of the Palestinian question in case of a peace settlement. AL RAY's editorial, entitled "The unholly war", wondered whether the ceasefire would actually take place in Lebanon at midnight on Friday in fulfillment of the new agreement between the contestants in the Lebanese civil war.

The Lebanese civil war, the paper said, has served Israel politically and militarily. These "services", which cannot be evaluated, have helped Israel to become a potential contestant in the civil war itself, although Israel was absent from the talks that took place to end the civil war, the paper added sarcastically.

The agreement to withdraw the Arab contestants from the south of Lebanon means one of two things, the paper explained, either that the Arabs there are unable to stop fighting one another within the range of Israeli artillery or, simply, an acceptance of the occupation of south Lebanon by the Israelis.

AL DISTOUR said that the gist of Friday's press conference by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance is that no progress has been made on the problem of Palestinian representation and on the fate of the West Bank since Mr. Carter became U.S. President. Thus, it is difficult to predict what Mr. Vance's suggestions will be to Middle East contestants during his visit.

The paper added that it is necessary to emphasise the basic facts if the Geneva conference is to reconvene. These facts are that the Geneva conference is not an end by itself and that it is the place where negotiations should take place in order to implement U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338.

Israel must, therefore, announce its commitment to withdraw from occupied Arab territories, including the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. It must also announce its commitment not to interfere in the affairs of the Palestinian people who have the right to decide their own future. The paper said that if Israel does not commit itself to these mentioned principles the Geneva conference would be a waste of time.

The paper added that the Israeli suggestion, on Friday, that the West Bank should remain under Israeli mandate for a few years after which a referendum would take place to decide whether the inhabitants there would want to join Israel or not is a waste of time and effort.

Israel knows that not a single West Banker would permit himself even to think of joining ranks with his executioner, the paper concluded.

AL SHA'B said that the recent statements by President Carter are similar to his previous ones: some of these statements please the Arabs while the others please the Israelis, which makes these statements conflicting.

The paper added that these statements have not yet defined the American concept of a peace settlement. The USA did not take any side in the Middle East dispute because it has more than once stated that it does not want to force a solution but it wants to gather the contestants at Geneva to reach agreements they themselves see as most appropriate.

## Information team leaves for Tunis conference

AMMAN (JNA). — An information delegation left here Saturday morning for Tunis to participate in the conference

### Joint committee starts work on transport code

AMMAN (JNA). — The fourth session of the joint Jordanian-Syrian committee preparing a unified code on overland transport started its meetings here Saturday

The Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Interior and head of the Jordanian team, Mr. Eid Abu Karaki, said that the committee will meet for several days to finalise the draft and submit it to the Joint Higher Committee for approval. The Syrian team arrived here via Ramtha Friday evening.

of Arab information ministers starting there Monday. The delegation is led by Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh.

The Arab League Permanent Information Committee, during its meetings in Tunis last week, prepared an Arab code of ethics for the information field, to be discussed by the conference. It also raised the question of Afro-Arab information coordination, and cooperation in the fields of television, radio and the press.

It prepared an Arab information programme to be applied in 1980, in addition to a programme for the Latin American countries. The possibility of opening new Arab League offices in a number of African and European countries was also reviewed.

Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry Zaki Al Qussus returned here Friday night after heading Jordan's delegation to the Tunis information meet.

## Leading Palestine archaeologist blasts Israeli methods of digging up Jerusalem

The world as a whole has condemned the drastic excavation methods of the Israeli occupation authorities around one of the holiest Islamic shrines - Al Aqsa and the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem. Despite the global protests led by international organisations such as UNESCO, the Israeli authorities are still continuing their work.

An outspoken critic of these excavations is Dame Kathleen Kenyon, world-renowned British archaeologist with 40 years experience of digs in Palestine, of which several years were spent as head of the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem. In an interview with the Jordan Times during a recent visit to Amman, she talked about the Israeli practices in Jerusalem from an archaeological point of view, spotlighting the way excavation techniques destroy the very history the Israelis are purportedly trying to discover.

Dame Kathleen is a well known author on archaeological subjects and her books include "Digging up Jericho" and "Digging up Jerusalem."

By Lina Gress  
Special to the Jordan Times

The methods used by Israeli archaeologists in excavating the old city of Jerusalem are roundly condemned by Dame Kathleen. She told the Jordan Times "I have not the slightest doubt that this is really bad archaeology."

She added that the tunnels diving through the ancient remains of Jerusalem have cut through the archaeological levels and "once this is done, the evidence is gone. You date the wall by the floors belonging to it. If somebody has dug a trench along the walls, you can't see which floors belong to it and these tunnels are really disastrous."

"They are destructive to the buildings that are on top of them, some of which are collapsing, although the Israelis have taken a lot of trouble to support the tunnels. It is bad archaeology. It is going back to a method which was acceptable in the 19th century."

Dame Kathleen explained that the Israelis are looking for the streets and buildings of the Temple of Herod, which they have displayed in a most spectacular layout.

Commenting on the destructive Israeli excavatory methods, she stated: "They found the plan of what they think ought to be there, but they have destroyed the evidence of what their plan means".

Dame Kathleen then added: "I don't myself like this wholesale clearance around the edge of the southwestern corner of the temple, because all evidence of the history is being cleared away and nobody in the future can check it. Therefore I am a little unhappy that some of the earlier evidence has been destroyed. So much is being done and interpreted all in one go. My

method, my preference would be for each generation of archaeologists to do a part only".

On the excavations going on in the old city's Jewish quarter, Dame Kathleen said that the Israelis have definitely "found" the line of an enormous city wall of about 30 metres width, but that there is still disagreement as to its original direction.

Archaeological explorations

Going through her archaeological experience in Palestine, Dame Kathleen explained that her first experience was in 1931 at Sebastia near Nablus. Later, she led an excavation campaign in the 10-acre area of the mound of Jericho.

Using a new scientific method of excavation, she was able to date the early remains, a method not available to her predecessors. The remains went back as far as 10000 B.C. and continued up to 1800 B.C. "Anything after Jericho in the pre-historic period would be a second best", she said.

Following Jericho, Dame Kathleen and her colleagues started excavations in Jerusalem to find out the exact location of the original Jerusalem.

She explained that Jerusalem has a history that doesn't begin much before 1000 B.C. and that the present walls of Jerusalem are medieval, while the earliest Jerusalem, the "Jebusite", which she and her team located, is outside the present limits of the old city. She added that the British School of Archaeology found part of the original city wall, of which a small length was left, and which dates back to about 1800 B.C.

## Culture minister meets Writers Society members

AMMAN (J.T.). — Minister of Culture and Youth Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf Saturday met a delegation of the Jordanian Writers Society to discuss current cultural issues.

The 11-member delegation was headed by Mr. Mohammad Adib Al Amiri, former Information Minister and President of the Jordanian Writers Society. The delegation also consisted of its newly-elected administrative body.

During the meeting Sharif Fawwaz outlined his ministry's ideas and plans for the development of cultural activities.

He reviewed the ministry's comprehensive plan, which covers publication, theatre, folklore, the national library, the national museum and other important cultural areas.

Mr. Al Amiri outlined the role that can be played by the society in the field of culture as a whole.

As for efforts to disseminate works by Jordanian writers in the West, Sharif Fawwaz disclosed that a Jordanian-Syrian project is being studied to translate literary works in both countries into French, English and other European languages.

## Tourist body urges sea link to Suez

AMMAN (JNA). — Passenger ships may start plying between Aqaba and the Egyptian port of Suez on a regular basis, according to a recommendation by a joint Jordanian-Egyptian tourist committee.

The committee ended three days of talks here Saturday aimed at boosting tourist co-operation between the two countries.

It also recommended that contacts be made with various Jordanian and Egyptian tourist offices, travel agencies, hotels and the ministries of youth of the two countries, so a series of youth tours can be prepared.

The committee called for more information campaigns in the two countries, in particular on the occasion of national and sporting events, to familiarise citizens of both countries with such occasions.

It also urged easier movement of cars and yachts and the construction of hotels, rest-houses and camp sites.

Arab finance institutions should be informed about tourist projects in the two countries to enable them to participate in them.

Encouragement should be given to visits by journalists and owners and directors of foreign tourist and travel bureaus to allow them to look over tourist sites in Egypt and Jordan and coordinate with local tourist bureaus for the organisation of tours, the committee stressed.

Finally, the committee called for the exchange of training expertise concerning hotel management.

The Egyptian team agreed to give 10 scholarships per annum to Jordanian students for hotel management training.

Minister of Tourism and Information Ghalib Barakat Saturday met with the members of the Egyptian tourist delegation. Director of Tourism Michael Hamarneh and the Secretary General of the Arab Tourism Union also attended.

The Egyptians left for Cairo Saturday noon. They were seen off at the airport by Mr. Hamarneh and several high-ranking tourism officials.

### Instruments of ratification exchanged for trade accord

AMMAN (JNA). — Jordan and Egypt Saturday exchanged instruments of ratification for a commercial protocol to boost bilateral trade from \$20 to \$30 million a year, besides increasing the quotas of the Jordanian and Egyptian commercial centres in the two countries.

The instruments were exchanged at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in the presence of its Minister, Dr. Najmeddine Dejjani, and the Egyptian Ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Ahmad Izzat Abdul Latif.

Dr. Dejjani said that the protocol comes at a time when the Jordanian government is striving to improve its commercial relations with Arab countries. Exports to Arab countries have veered away from traditional agricultural products, and now include industrial ones, he said.

In the past, the balance of trade with Arab countries was always in deficit. Now it shows signs of improving, he added.

Jordan's main exports to Egypt are leather, textiles and batteries, while imports include rice and foodstuffs.

### U. of J. to donate JD 5,000 per year to Bir Zeit University

AMMAN (JNA). — The University of Jordan has decided to back Bir Zeit University in the occupied West Bank with JD 5,000 per year. It has also decided to pay the salary of one professor at the university.

Meanwhile, the university's President, Dr. Ismael Al Farhan, and the Director of Riyadh's University of Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud, Dr. Abdul-

lah Al Turki, Saturday discussed cooperation between the two universities. Emphasis went on exchanges of expertise, professors and programmes.

Dame Kathleen explained that the wall, found in a badly damaged state, was built 300 metres south of the present old city on the slopes opposite the Silwan Spring and the Kidron Valley. The wall then extends north to include the present old city.

Furthermore, she said that her team traced the successive outlines of Jerusalem, but that very little was left because the Romans, who built their Jerusalem on the site of the present old city, used the earlier "Jebusite" area as a quarry.

### Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Commenting on the excavations of the British School of Archaeology, Dame Kathleen said: "We excavated near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the old city to see whether that could possibly be the authentic site."

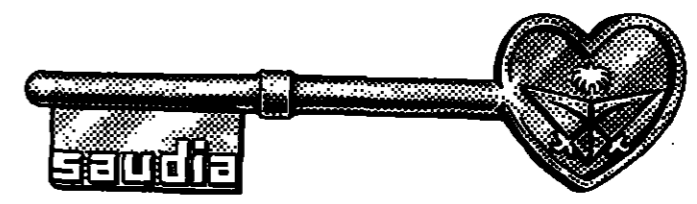
"It would be the authentic site, I don't say it is, but it could be because we found that it was outside the city wall at the beginning of the

### Capitals of the Old Testament

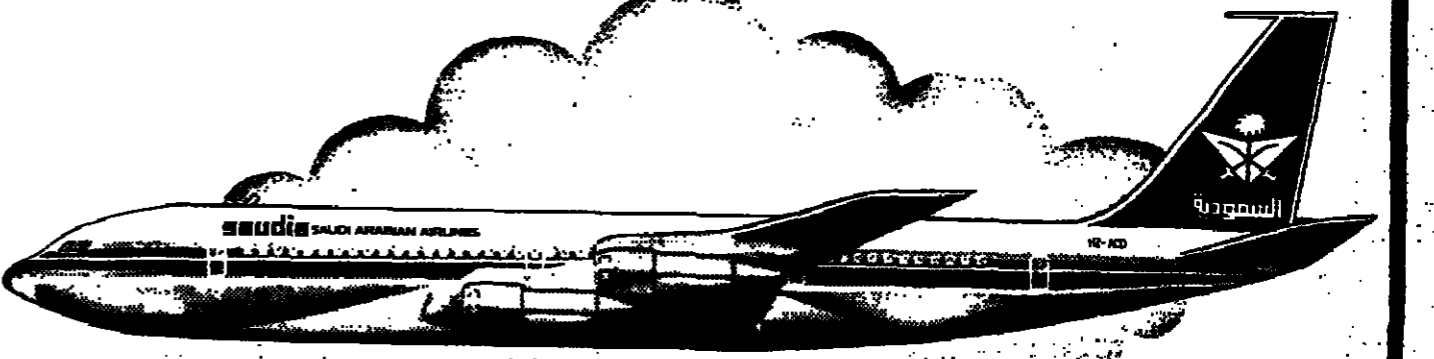
Dame Kathleen said that she was personally interested in the capitals of the Old Testament. She started off at Samaria, one capital, and then dug Jerusalem. She also took into consideration the other towns which were supposed to be built by Solomon: Hazel in the Jordan Valley; Magida near Haifa; and Giza west of Jerusalem.

She stated that over the years evidence has been accumulated and fitted in with the Biblical statements about these three towns, since similarities were found in the design the three gates, thus presenting a sort of organised scheme.

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# Australia becomes the key to the nuclear spread

By John Lombard

CANBERRA, (Gemin) — One word has dramatically changed Australian foreign policy: Uranium. It is an issue on which Australia will wield more influence in the world than ever before.

For long, Australian foreign policy was tied immutably with U.S. policies. Liberal Party prime ministers trekked annually to Washington where they became fawning to successive American administrations.

Harold Holt spoke of going "all the way with LBJ" and John Gorton told the American people Australians wanted to "go Waltzing Matilda with you."

The election of Labour Party Prime Minister Gough Whitlam in December 1972 changed a lot of that. Within weeks, three of his most senior ministers denounced the American bombing of Hanoi, infuriating President Nixon and confusing the State Department.

The U.S. sent a top-line career diplomat Marshal Green to be ambassador in Canberra and quietly the two countries forged an uneasy alliance.

The Whitlam government's dismissal and the sweeping election victory of John Malcolm Fraser, a wealthy, conservative farmer, seemed to be the sign for a return to the previous close relationship.

But within a year, President Ford had been voted out of the White House and there seemed really little in common between Malcolm Fraser and Jimmy Carter.

Yet, in a short time, important change took place on the Australian side: A more outward-looking Australia has developed — and uranium has been the catalyst.

Australia has a lot of uranium — estimated at about 25 per cent of the world's uncommitted supplies — and there is a big demand from European countries and the U.S. An even greater concern is that it should not end up in undesirable hands. The national debate on the subject

About 25 per cent of the world's uncommitted supplies of uranium lie in Australia — and that fact is giving Australia more influence in the world than ever before. Talks that have just taken place between its Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and President Carter could prove crucial to Carter's non-nuclear proliferation proposals. As yet Australia has not decided whether to develop its uranium deposits. That decision is expected in a few weeks.

has now become the most important in Australia. The dangers and advantages are being weighed up.

Whitlam's government realised now divisive the argument was becoming, even within his own party. So it ordered the top judge in the Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court, Mr. Justice Russell Fox, to head a three-man inquiry into the whole environmental question.

The committee has just published the second and final part of its report. Already it is acknowledged as a most important document and a yardstick by which all uranium mining will be judged.

The Fox report recognises the complexity and enormity of the subject. The conclusions are neither precise nor dogmatic. The biggest fear is that of the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Mr. Justice Fox commented that whether the situation would be improved or made worse if Australia supplied uranium would depend on whom it supplied and on what terms. He called into question the policy of safeguards which in Australia has never really been spelt out.

But the day before the release of the second report, Fraser announced a detailed safeguard policy. It is not unlike the tough measures proposed by President Carter, but it is good deal tougher than had been expected. The basic features are that:

— Countries receiving Australian uranium must as a minimum condition be parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and subject their entire civil nuclear industry to safeguards to ensure material is not diverted from peaceful uses. Australia wants a similar guarantee from nuclear

weapon states:

— A prior bilateral agreement between importing nations and Australia providing for international atomic energy agency safeguards, regular consultations with Australia to see the agreement is kept, fallback safeguards in the agreement, and a provision that importing nations can only re-export the uranium with our approval;



Australian uranium should not be enriched beyond 20 per cent uranium-235 — a figure below the practical level for a nuclear explosive — without our consent;

— While there is no outright ban on reprocessing of Australian nuclear material, nations have to seek our prior consent; and

— A multilateral approach to ensure safeguards are as strong and wide as possible. Of course, no safeguards will ever stop a nation producing a bomb if it is determined. It is clear, nonetheless, that the intention of the safeguards is to get universal

acceptance and make sure that any country disregarding them would be subject to sanctions.

As for the digging up of Australian uranium, Mr. Justice Fox considers "the hazards of mining and milling uranium if those activities are properly regulated and controlled, are not such as to justify a decision not to develop Australian uranium mines."

The final decision to develop the Australian uranium deposits rests with Fraser's cabinet. It is clear now that most members favour mining and a decision is expected in the next two or three months.

The importance of Australia was highlighted by one of the chief architects of Carter's nuclear policy, Deputy Secretary of State for Security Assistance, Joseph Nye, who described the policies of Australia and Canada, because of their uranium reserves as "pivotal".

Nye said that if these nations exported uranium in large quantities under the same rules as the U.S., then Carter's efforts to tighten the framework of non-proliferation would be substantially boosted. For some months now Australia has been working closely with the new administration on this issue.

Now Fraser has visited Washington and during talks with Carter the U.S. president asked Australia to join the world's seven most advanced nuclear nations — the U.S., Canada, Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and Japan — in working out a proposed international nuclear fuel cycle evaluation.

Fraser said the extent of Australia's commitment to the group would be influenced by its final decision in relation to the export of uranium. Carter told Fraser that the success of his non-nuclear proliferation proposals depended a great deal on the export of Australian uranium.

By following the Carter policy Australia would bring itself into direct conflict with those of the other seven nuclear nations which are its ma-

for trading partners — notably Japan and Western Europe.

France, West Germany and Japan are already engaged in reprocessing and fast-breeder reactors and these countries bitterly oppose the Carter plan for restraint on the plutonium economy.

They argue that they need plutonium as an integral step towards energy self-sufficiency.

## Britain's Genetical Foundation faces the dilemma of the transsexual

By Nick Cole

LONDON (Gemin) — Sue is a 45-year-old woman with a curious past. For 12 years "she" was a sergeant in the British Army, spending part of her service life in the front line during the Korean War.

After that came a five-year spell as a bus driver. Today, Sue is unemployed, on the brink of despair, and living alone in a dingy, two-room London flat without a bath or inside toilet.

The root of her difficulties lie in the decision "she" has made to "go over" — the expression used by men and women under what is popularly called the "sex change" operation.

Like other pre-operative transsexuals, Sue, who was christened Ronald Frank, believes she is "a woman trapped in a man's body."

As a result, she leads a lonely, miserable existence cut off from normal society because she is not accepted in the role of either sex.

Now at last an attempt is being made to smooth the path for her and countless others suffering from the same dilemma.

They do not want to rely on uranium suppliers for energy any more than they want to rely on OPEC for oil.

But France and Germany have said their contracts to supply Pakistan and Brazil with reprocessing technology must proceed. If these two go ahead, it will become difficult to delay the spread of reprocessing technology.

At stake is whether a whole

range of nations pressing for reprocessing technology, such as Pakistan, Taiwan, South Korea, Argentina and Brazil

will play in this ball game will depend a good deal on how genuine the Fraser government is about tightening its nuclear non-proliferation arrangements. It may well be that it sees this as just a hand

cover under which to export the Australian uranium.

But the battle is not yet over; the "keep it in the ground" lobby in Australia is vocal and running a strong campaign. The interesting thing to watch is what sort of trade-off Fraser will get from President Carter in return for his uranium policy. That is what Australia's foreign policy is all about at the moment.

A male body with female psychology, or a female body with male feeling," Mr. Colchester explains.

Such people are often confused with homosexuals, and with transvestites, who are sexual deviants with the desire to dress in the clothes of the other sex.

"Since a person's role in society is understandably designated by their anatomic sex, these people are taught and expected to behave in keeping with their physical appearance," Mr. Colchester goes on.

"They are therefore constantly in conflict with their innermost selves... they rarely find any sympathy or understanding from anyone except other transsexuals."

No one knows for certain how many transsexuals there are. The problem is not new, the earliest recorded cases being in Greece, 3,500 years ago.

While an informed estimate sets the number in America at around 10,000, Britain probably has no more than 1,000. Most major cities throughout the world have their "colonies" of men and women who are unhappy in their assigned sex.

The problem can more readily be measured in terms of the suffering involved, which outweighs the numerical significance of transsexuals as a group.

"Transsexuals are frequently a tremendous problem to themselves and to their families because of their extreme

unhappiness, which all too often brings them to the verge of suicide," Mr. Colchester adds.

The problems which confront them are a mixture of difficulties in finding work, accommodation, friendship and general acceptance. Many people regard them as pervers.

Employers are often sympathetic, but unwilling to give transsexuals jobs until they have had the operation; no specialist will perform surgery until the transsexual has lived and worked as a woman for a certain period of time, usually about two years.

"There is no adequate treatment for any transsexuals, although recent years have seen major strides in understanding and in modern surgical techniques," Mr. Colchester says.

The GRF's proposed centre will as far as possible offer "the affection and freedom of a family home" and will be a refuge from outside pressures.

It will not, George Colchester insists, provide an escape for those who cannot face their dilemma. One of its main aims will be to help transsexuals to readjust to their new-found roles.

Most patients will be referred by psychiatric specialists, and doctors will be welcome to undertake research at the centre.

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**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Get together with good friends and relatives and come to a fine understanding with them. Attend a worthwhile social function.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Fine time for handling philosophical and philanthropic matters and getting good results. Get a new system set up for handling regular routines.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Study new outlets that could prove good for you in time to come. Good time to plan a business or personal trip.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** Modernize any systems you have so that you get more done with less clutter. Try pleasing loved one more.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Consider some civic work that can also be of help to you. Don't lose your temper with anyone, especially your mate or loved one.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** Try to do something thoughtful for those who have been good and loyal to you and show appreciation. Take time for personal pampering and making yourself look more attractive.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Getting into a new type of recreation can make this a most interesting time for you. Avoid one who has strange ideas.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Bring more harmony into your home by right handling of others. Entertain those you admire and get good results.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Visit with good friends and relatives and get fine results therefrom. Take time for services that will elevate your thinking.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Elevate your consciousness and you can soon command a greater abundance. Study assets well and know just what you must do to increase them. Take time to confer with an expert.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Use positive methods in going after some personal aim and you can easily gain it. Good time for entertaining, but avoid the bores who could be depressing.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Good day for meditation and getting the right answer to a problem. Some time alone with a loved one can bring true rapport.

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# GORED BRIDGE

**BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF**  
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**ASK OMAR**

Q.—I am not sure what to do when an opponent redoubles my partner's takeout double. Some say I must bid out of weakness. Others maintain that a bid shows some values. Who is correct?—L. Armstrong, Bronx, N.Y.  
(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A.—No bid can possibly show "values" in this auction; unless one of the opponents has made a psychic bid, you must have a virtual yarrowbough. Just consider the mathematics of the situation; opener has shown a minimum of 13 points, partner about the same and the redouble at least 10. If everyone is minimum for his action, that leaves only about four for you.

You don't have to tell partner this; he knows already. Therefore you need only bid after a redouble if you have good reason to do so. Let us look at two hands:

a) ♠ x x x x  
♥ x x x x  
♦ x x x x  
♣ J x x x x

b) ♠ J x x x x  
♥ x x x x  
♦ x x x x  
♣ Q x x x x

Assume that your left-hand opponent opens the bidding with one heart, partner doubles and right-hand opponent redoubles. There is no need to take any action with hand a—pass to see what action partner takes. If he runs to one spade, you can then correct to two clubs. Hand b) is another kettle of fish. If you could be sure that partner will bid a black suit, it would be safe to pass. But partner might run to two diamonds, and that would force you to correct to spades at the two-level. To avoid this, you should bid one spade immediately in order to bail your side out at the lowest level possible.

Q.—Since the U.S. won the 1976 world team championship, will that mean that two American teams will compete in the 1977 event?—L.R., New York, N.Y.

A.—West has gotten his side off to a good start with his trump lead. There are only nine top tricks—the other three will have to come from ruffs.

The best way to play the hand is along crossruff lines, but declarer must first cash all his outside winners. If he fails to do so, the defenders will sluff spades while declarer is ruffing the red suits, and eventually declarer will have one or more of his spade tricks ruffed away.

Correct technique is to take the three spade tricks immediately—if one of the tricks gets ruffed, the contract was probably doomed anyway. So, after winning the first trump declarer should try three rounds of spades. When they go through, he cashes his red aces and then proceeds to take six more tricks on a high crossruff.

Q.—Should I have made six clubs on this hand?

♦ A Q J  
♥ 3  
♣ A J 8 5 3  
♦ K Q 10 5  
♥ 6 4 3 2  
♦ 10 9 8  
♥ K Q 10 6 4  
♦ J 9  
♥ 4  
♦ K Q 10 7 6 2  
♥ 6 4 3  
♦ 7 2  
♥ K 7 5  
♦ A 8 7 5 2  
♥ 9  
♦ A J 9 8

East opened the bidding with a weak two diamonds, and West led a low trump.—P. George, Buffalo, N.Y.

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8:10 Documentary  
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14:15 News

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2:05 News from USA  
2:10 News and Training Reports  
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18:30 Special English News  
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9:00 Beirut  
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11:30 Riyadh (SD)  
12:15 London (BA)  
12:30 Baghdad (GA)  
12:45 Kuwait (KAC)  
13:30 Laraca  
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JOMAR  
NILMAR  
FIFRAM

Answer here: THE "O O O O" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BAKED RHYME HALLOW INTACT  
Answer: The repast she got from a male—"A MEAL"

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

1. Passover feast  
6. Anxious  
12. French student  
13. Tropical butterfly genus  
14. Warm  
15. Marine snail  
16. Alleged force  
18. College degree  
19. Knapsack  
21. Summer  
23. Bridge  
27. Guam crow

**DOWN**

28. Cadence  
30. Deceive  
31. Renegade  
32. Deduct  
33. Str  
34. Engendered  
36. Scout group  
37. Able  
38. Rough lava  
40. Material  
42. Salsaparilla  
49. Expedition  
50. Negotiate

**Answers Tuesday**

51. Craftsman  
52. Sweet flag

**DOWN**

1. Dry

2. Guido's note  
3. Empower  
4. Offense  
5. Ravelin  
6. Represent  
7. Corral  
8. Assumed name  
9. Small robot  
10. Connet  
11. Negative prefix  
12. Dismay  
13. Pigeon  
14. Cultural medium  
15. Defenseless  
16. Appressed  
17. Verdi opera  
18. Store light  
19. Vassals  
20. ... Lama  
21. Assumed haughtiness  
22. Shoe  
23. Assumed name  
24. Judean lang  
25. Damage  
26. Newt  
27. Hoem  
28. Tease  
29. Summer in Paris

Par time 25 minutes AP Newstatures

# Soweto tense after yesterday's killings

JOHANNESBURG, July 30 (R). — Police stood guard in the explosive black township of Soweto today to counter a possible backlash following the shooting of two blacks yesterday and the banning of a major rally intended to strengthen black demands for autonomy.

Yesterday two blacks, one of them a 19-year-old girl, were shot dead and several injured as police stepped in to quell violent student demonstrations with shotguns, nine-mm pistols and Alsatian guard dogs.

## Rehabilitated Teng makes his 1st public appearance

PEKING, July 30 (R). — Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-ping returned to public life tonight after 15 months' political exile when he appeared at a Peking football match.

The stone-throwing students and schoolchildren have been boycotting classrooms in protest against what they say is a discriminatory education system in South Africa giving whites a better deal than blacks.

# London's Daily Express has more to add to the bugging of Harold Wilson

LONDON, July 30 (R). — A newspaper which started a row with allegations that Sir Harold Wilson was under electronic surveillance at his London residence when in office as prime minister, said today the premier was also bugged at the House of Commons.

tended to his private homes and his country residence, Chesham.

## Carter sends message to outer space

WASHINGTON, July 30 (R). — President Carter has placed a recorded message in a U.S. spacecraft in the hope that any inhabited planet in the Milky Way will intercept and understand it.

terday that there was very little hard fact in the allegations and that he was satisfied with arrangements at No. 10.

The president's message was: "This is a present from a small distant world, a token of our sounds, our science, our images, our music, our thoughts and our feelings. We are attempting to survive our time so we may live into yours. We hope someday, having solved the problems we face, to join a community of galactic civilizations. This record represents our hope and our determination, and our good will in a vast and awesome universe."

# Nimeiri announces amnesty for all political detainees

KHARTOUM, July 30 (AFP). — President Isafur Nimeiri announced an unconditional amnesty for all dissidents inside and outside Sudan, the Sudan news agency reported. He was also considering the possibility of pardoning all those convicted of political offences, he said in a speech at Altabrah near here.

# Israeli police accuse 8 Arabs of bomb attacks

TEL AVIV, July 30 (R). — Israeli police have arrested eight Arabs suspected of carrying out bomb attacks in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem in which dozens of people were injured, a police spokesman said here yesterday.

# Israeli army head thinks Iraq will have nuclear bomb

TEL AVIV, July 30 (R). — Israeli Chief-of-Staff Lt.-Gen. Mordechai Gur said yesterday he thought Iraq might be able to develop a nuclear capacity within five to seven years.

# Despite rain, roadblock today's French anti-nuclear demo is on

MORESTAL, France, July 30 (R). — Despite pouring rain and the threat of clashes with police, thousands of demonstrators today put on death's head badges and assembled here for a banned protest against France's first commercial fast-breeder reactor.

on village greens and in fields. But police turned back everyone but local people at roadblocks about 5 kms. from the site.

Political meetings are being organised today by leaving groups at four villages used as gathering points. Demonstrators will also be briefed, in order to coordinate the march.

ces more plutonium than it uses. Ecology groups are worried that the highly toxic qualities of plutonium -- the main compound of atomic bombs -- might one day lead to a disaster.

Organisers have said they will press on with the march, despite fears of possible clashes with security forces.

But he rejected demands for a referendum on the nuclear issue as unconstitutional.

# Weapons-grade uranium stolen from U.S. nuclear body, official claims

WASHINGTON, July 30 (R). — An American official suggested yesterday that some weapons-grade uranium had been stolen from U.S. nuclear facilities.

reveal that over the years several tons of highly-enriched uranium or plutonium suitable for making bombs have not been accounted for in a number of nuclear programmes.

Mr. James Conran, a staff engineer with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), said in testimony prepared for a Congressional panel that indications of attempts to steal uranium are contained in government files.

have been successfully directed toward those ends."

Mr. Conran, recently involved in controversy within the NRC, testified that significant quantities of uranium or plutonium could be stolen relatively easily from some nuclear facilities.

The House of Representatives Interior Committee summoned Mr. Conran and NRC officials to a hearing partly aimed at getting to the bottom of a two-year dispute over safeguards against nuclear thefts.

His comments came as the NRC prepared to submit to the White House, probably next week, a study on "material unaccounted for" at several nuclear facilities.

The NRC recently transferred Mr. Conran from a job which involved reviewing safeguards. He described the transfer as a penalty for criticizing what he called lax security and an NRC tendency not to let the public know about nuclear dangers.

## News Focus

# Vance reportedly carries 4-point peace plan on Middle East tour

WASHINGTON, July 30 (Agencies). — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance prepared today to embark for the Middle East and a major test of President Carter's Middle East peace initiative.

### Carter's optimism

President Carter's first six months in office have been marked by a notable lack of diplomatic triumphs, a fact which may have led to his optimistic prediction that the Geneva peace conference would probably resume in October.

(3) Stationing United Nations peace-keeping forces in Southern Lebanon.

(4) Establishment of "peaceful neighbourly" relations between Israel and the Arab World within eight years of adoption of the above listed points.

### Israeli lobby

Initially convinced of the merits of an overall approach to the conflict, Mr. Carter had planned to drop the "step-by-step" method used by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Behind the changes were both the intransigence of the Israeli lobby in the United States and the difficulty posed for even "moderate" Arab leaders like Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in putting more distance between himself and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

### Vance's plan

Although the Israeli lobby here has made it virtually impossible to speak of an overall U.S. peace plan for the area, the heart of the suggestions that Mr. Vance will put forward in his 13-day trip are thought to be:

### U.S-USSR contacts

U.S. officials said Mr. Vance would be communicating U.S. ideas on procedural and substantive Middle East questions to the Soviet leadership through the U.S. Ambassador to Moscow Malcolm Toon.

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## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Syrians vote for parliament on Monday

\* DAMASCUS, July 30 (AFP). — An estimated four million Syrians will go to the polls on Monday to elect a new People's Council, the parliament whose term ran out in early June. It will be the second legislative election held in Syria since President Hafez Assad came to power in November, 1970. Candidates are vying for 195 seats, 99 of which are reserved for workers and peasants in keeping with the official view that they represent the economic backbone of the country.

### PLO-ASEAN ties discussed in Bangkok

\* BANGKOK, July 30 (R). — A Palestinian Liberation Organisation delegation today met Thai Foreign Minister Uppit Pachayangkun to discuss relations with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). "PLO supports ASEAN and ASEAN wants to be friends with PLO," Mr. Uppit told reporters after a two-hour meeting. The delegation, led by Mr. Farouk Kaddoum, head of the Political Department of the PLO, arrived here yesterday and is scheduled to leave tomorrow for Sri Lanka. It had visited Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and Philippines before coming to Bangkok.

### Algeria rejects charges over Sahara

\* UNITED NATIONS, New York, July 30 (AFP). — Algeria yesterday firmly rejected Mauritanian charges of interference in the Saharan conflict as "attempts to excuse military defeats" suffered by Mauritania at the hands of the nationalist Polisario front. In a letter to the president of the Security Council, Algerian Charge d'Affaires Fathi Bouayad-Agha said Mauritania was still "violently resisting" the legitimate aspirations of the Sahrawi people by its military occupation of the Sahara which, he said, was a defiance to the world.

### Cypriots protest Turkey's Famagusta plans

\* NICOSIA, July 30 (R). — The Cypriot House of Representatives has decided to send messages to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and all U.N. member states protesting against what the Cyprus News Agency yesterday called "Turkey's intention to colonise the Greek quarter" of the Cypriot Port of Famagusta. The messages will appeal for pressure to be put on Turkey "to prevent such a planned move," the report said. On July 20, the day before the present Turkish government took office, caretaker Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said his government was starting preparations to revive the modern section of the port city, closed off since the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974.

### U.S.-China ties possible within year

\* TOKYO, July 30 (AFP). — The United States may establish formal diplomatic relations with China within a year, an American political scientist, known to be close to the Carter administration said here yesterday. "One of the factors that makes this likely is President Carter's recent appointment of Mr. Leonard Woodcock, former President of the United Auto Workers Union, as the chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking," said Mr. Richard Barnet in an interview with Japan's Jiji Press. On the Korean issue, Mr. Barnet, Co-Director of the Institute of Policy Studies, said that the possibility was extremely slim that the United States would take any dramatic diplomatic initiative towards North Korea in the style of Dr. Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of State.

### Rightist Lebanese get weapons this way

\* OLDENBURG, West Germany, July 30 (R). — Three West Germans accused of smuggling a shipment of weapons to the right-wing Maronites during the Lebanese civil war last year are to be formally charged with illegal arms trafficking, the Oldenburg Public Prosecutor's Office said yesterday. According to the indictment, the captain of the small coastal vessel Seagull ran aground while landing arms at "Aquamarina" on the Lebanese coast. It said he loaded a consignment of arms at Kenitra, Morocco, which included 120 mortars, 40,000 mortar bombs, 30 two-centimetre cannons, 60 machine guns, 1.6 million rifle bullets and 250 tons of explosive.